

The Wharf Garden - A new stretch of planting along the Regent's Canal in N1 designed by Landscape Designer Miria Harris.

Miria Harris is pleased to announce that on Saturday 16 April 2016 work will begin on The Wharf Garden, a 40 metre stretch of canalside planting in North London.

Combining sections of water planting with sections of planting in raised beds clad alternately with black stained larch and corrugated iron, this canal side garden will not only be for the residents of the canal, but for the pleasure of all who stroll along the public towpath on the opposite side of the canal - visible as it flickers in and out of view between the moored boats in an evolving and cinematic progression.

Located along the south side of the Regents Canal in N1 between New North Road at the west and Whitmore Road at the east, this new canal side garden was commissioned by Davy Jones Locker as part of a private development of two new residential wharfs (Gainsborough and Haggerston Wharfs) providing permanent mooring for over 10 boats. This new development, with festoon lighting, full amenities and bespoke wooden boat sheds also includes a 'boatel', where visitors can experience life on the canal first hand. (www.gainsboroughwharf.com].

In designing this planting scheme, Harris was keen to create a garden that would be aesthetically pleasing - caught in the reflections of the water and offering different seasons of interest, as well as being a new planted environment encouraging and supporting local biodiversity. Care was also taken to ensure that none of the species introduced to the canal were invasive. The design aims to result in a city garden that would have made the great 18th century London gardener, Thomas Fairchild, proud.

Included in the planting scheme are such water plants as: *Typha lugdunensis*, a non-invasive variety of reedmace, with roots that absorb nutrients and pollutants, *Cyperus longus*, our native Sweet Gallengale which provides plenty of habitat opportunities and *Lythrum salicaria*, our native Loosestrife - beloved by bees, hoverflies and butterflies as pollinators when in flower. Among the soil based plants included are: *Aquilegia vulgaris*, our native columbine, *Foeniculum vulgare* Purpureum (Bronze Fennel) and *Geranium phaeum* Lily Lovell (Dusky Cranesbill) - a tall perennial geranium that reaches a height of 80cm and flowers from May to June.

The planting of The Wharf Garden will take place on Saturday 16 April and will be carried out by the new community of these two wharfs, the residents themselves, under the guidance of Harris.

Miria Harris is a landscape, garden and floristry designer, based in East London. Following an eight year long career as a contemporary art curator specialising in public art, Miria retrained as a landscape designer in 2007. In 2011, Miria set up her own company and since then she has worked in collaboration with a number of celebrated architects and interior designers, including Studio Ilse, P-Joseph, DMFK and Lia Kiladis Architecture. Miria's landscape projects are mainly for private clients, with some small scale public schemes. The floristry design side of Miria's practice centres on providing bespoke flowers for one-off events and weddings as well as weekly flowers for high end restaurants and hotels. Clients have included Town Hall Hotel, London as well as more recently, the Marksman, a new east London public house and dining room.

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